Claims:

1. A system that activates and deactivates a document validator in response to periods of inactivity, such system comprising:

a magnet within the document validator that is mechanically coupled to a document path of the document validator and that moves from a first position to a second position solely through the mechanical coupling in response to a user accessing the document path to insert a document;

a switch that is activated by magnetism from the magnet in response to the movement of the magnet from the first to the second position; and

a latch that is releasably latched by activation of the switch to activate the document validator.

- 2. The system that activates and deactivates the document validator as in claim 1 further comprising a timer that deactivates the latch after a predetermined time period.
- 3. The system that activates and deactivates the document validator as in claim 2 wherein the timer further comprises a reset input that accepts reset signals from the switch.
- 4. The system that activates and deactivates the document validator as in claim 1 wherein the mechanical coupling between the magnet and document path further comprises a document guide that supports the magnet and that extends into the document path.

- 5. The system that activates and deactivates the document validator as in claim 4 wherein the document guide further comprises a rotatable disk assembly.
- 6. The system that activates and deactivates the document validator as in claim 5 wherein the rotatable disk assembly further comprises a support shaft with a plurality of disks disposed on the shaft.
- 7. The system that activates and deactivates the document validator as in claim 6 further comprising a complementary set of disk assembly guides disposed on opposing ends of the support shaft that allow the disk assembly to move towards and away from the document path.
- 8. The system that activates and deactivates the document validator as in claim 7 further comprising a spring that biases the disk assembly towards the document path.
- 9. The system that activates and deactivates the document validator as in claim 8 wherein the magnet is disposed on an end of the support shaft of the rotatable disk assembly.
- 11. The system that activates and deactivates the document validator as in claim 1 wherein the mechanical coupling between the magnet and document path further comprises a cover that rotates to a position that blocks an entrance to the document path.
- 12. The system that activates and deactivates the document validator as in claim 11 wherein the cover further comprises the magnet disposed on a side of the cover and

the switch disposed adjacent the side of the cover between an opened and closed position of the cover.

13. A system that activates and deactivates a document validator in response to periods of inactivity, such system comprising:

a magnet within the document validator that is mechanically coupled to a document within a document path of the document validator or to a cover that covers an entrance to the document path and that moves from a first position to a second position solely through the mechanical coupling in response to opening of the cover or insertion of a document into the document path;

a switch that is activated by magnetism from the magnet in response to the movement of the magnet from the first to the second position; and

a latch that is releasably latched by activation of the switch.

- 14. The system that activates and deactivates the document validator as in claim 13 further comprising a timer that deactivates the latch after a predetermined time period.
- 15. The system that activates and deactivates the document validator as in claim 14 wherein the timer further comprises a reset input that accepts reset signals from the switch.
- 16. The system that activates and deactivates the document validator as in claim 13 wherein the mechanical coupling further comprises a rotatable disk assembly.

- 17. The system that activates and deactivates the document validator as in claim 16 wherein the rotatable disk assembly further comprises a support shaft with a plurality of disks disposed on the shaft.
- 17. The system that activates and deactivates the document validator as in claim 16 further comprising a complementary set of disk assembly guides disposed on opposing ends of the support shaft that allow the disk assembly to move towards and away from the document path.
- 18. The system that activates and deactivates the document validator as in claim 17 further comprising a spring that biases the disk assembly towards the document path.
- 19. The system that activates and deactivates the document validator as in claim 18 wherein the magnet is disposed on an end of the support shaft of the rotatable disk assembly.
- 20. The system that activates and deactivates the document validator as in claim 13 wherein the mechanical coupling between the magnet and document path further comprises a cover that rotates to a position that blocks an entrance to the document path.
- 21. The system that activates and deactivates the document validator as in claim 20 wherein the cover further comprises the magnet disposed on a side of the cover and the switch disposed adjacent the side of the cover between an opened and closed position of the cover.

- 22. A system that activates and deactivates a document validator in response to periods of inactivity, such system comprising:
- a magnetic assembly within the document validator that is pushed out of a document path of the document validator by the document in response to insertion of a document into the document path;
- a switch that is activated by magnetism from the magnetic assembly in response to insertion of the document into the document path; and
- a latch that is releasably latched by activation of the switch.